

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated April 5, 2004 having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 5, 2004.

In that action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-12 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cherikuri et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,125,119 in view of *Lorrain et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,636,512 B1. That rejection, in so far as it might be applied to the claims as amended herein is respectfully traversed.

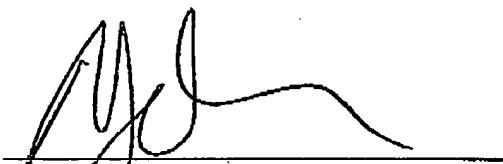
In paragraph 4.0 of the present application the Examiner has indicated that claims 4, 8, 20, and 20 are objected to as being depended upon a rejected based claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant believes that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the PTOL-326 form submitted with the present office action that the Examiner intended to indicate claims 4, 10, 14 and 20 as being objected to. Based upon that characterization, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to recite the indicated allowable feature previously set forth in claim 4 and 14. Consequently, Applicant urges that claims 1-3, 5-13 and 14-20 are now allowable.

The Examiner has also objected, in paragraph 5.0 of the present application, to a typographical error noted in claims 8, 10, 18 and 29. Applicant presumes the Examiner meant to indicate a typographical error in claims 8, 10, 18 and 20 and appropriate correction has been submitted herewith.

In view of the above, Applicant urges that all claims remaining in the present application are in condition for allowance and withdrawal of all rejections and objections and passage of this application to allowance is respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted,



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